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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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**GROUP 3600** 

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 44, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 45, and 46 as follows:

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a pair of radially expanded tubular members having radially expanded threaded portions coupled to one another; and

a quantity of a sealant within the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members;

wherein the sealant adheres to the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded túbular members.

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